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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: TOWARD A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN CARTER,
BEGIN AND SADAT?

1. " THE INTRANSIGENCE THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED BOTH ISRAEL AND
EGYPT IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS SEEMS TO HAVE
GIVEN WAY TO GOOD SPIRITS", ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT EDITOR KITAMBALA
KULUBITCH IN KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO APRIL 11. MR. KITAMBALA
NOTES THE MANY ENCOURAGING DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS--IN CONNECTION
WITH THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS--THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE RECENTLY,
AND FUTURE ENCOUNTERS SUCH AS THE SUMMIT TALKS IN WASHINGTON
BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER, ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND
EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT. ALTHOUGH HE CONSIDERS THIS DEVELOPMENT
SIGNIFICANT, HE CAUTIONS AGAINST "TOO MUCH OPTIMISM ON THE
RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT" BECAUSE THE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED THERE
ARE DIFFICULT.

2. FROM ALL THIS, "ONE THING IS CERTAIN, HOWEVER; THE MIDDLE
EAST DIALOGUE WHICH SOME PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY CONSIDERED AS A
FAILURE, WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF
MIDDLE EAST PEACE PERSPECTIVES", IS ONCE MORE "GIVING PEOPLE
REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE DISPUTE,
CONCLUDES COMMENTARY. ITEM
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